

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS*

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~~A~~In an electrical power steering apparatus, steering shaft reaction torque is estimated by a steering shaft reaction torque estimation unit, and a reference road reaction torque is estimated by a reference road reaction torque estimation unit,~~and then, the~~. The estimated steering shaft reaction torque and the reference road reaction torque are weighted, and~~on the basis of these,~~ in response, a target steering reaction torque is set by a target steering reaction torque generation unit, ~~a~~ hysteresis width and ~~a~~ slope of the target steering reaction torque are respectively adjusted, and ~~a~~ steering feeling is thereby easily improved.